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## NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION DEFEATED BY 52 TO 7

### VOTE DUGGAN MOTION DOWN BY BIG MAJORITY

Expelled Social Creditors Support  
Government in Test of Strength  
in Assembly

#### GROUND OF MOTION

Failure to Redeem Pledges of  
Social Credit Dividends or Meet  
Conditions Charged

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*  
By C. H. STOUT

EDMONTON, Mar. 3rd. — Social credit ranks held intact Tuesday afternoon when the first division of the present session of the Legislature was recorded on an amendment of lack of confidence in the Government, moved by D. M. Duggan, Conservative leader, Edmonton, the five Liberals and the two Conservatives being the only ones registered against the administration.

Fifty-two members voted against the non-confidence resolution, including Messrs. Barnes, Edmonton, and Hanson, Taber, who have been excluded from Government caucuses. The only absentee was C. C. Ross, Athabasca.

Following addresses by D. M. Duggan, and E. O. Duke, Social Credit member for Rocky Mountain, the debate on the motion to adopt the speech from the throne was adjourned by Hon. W. N. Chant, Minister of Agriculture.

During the afternoon petitions were presented for charter amendments for the cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Wetaskiwin and Red Deer.

Chairman of the various standing committees named for the session were: agriculture and colonization, H. J. Ash, Lacombe; railways, telephones and irrigation, F. M. Baker, Clover Bar; municipal law, H. O. Haslam, Nanton-Claresholm; public accounts, J. L. Robinson, Medicine Hat; privileges and elections, W. E. Hays, Stony Plain; private bills and standing orders, D. B. Mullen, Edmonton, and law amendments, J. W. Baudry, St. Paul.

#### Duggan Launches Attack

Moving want of confidence in the Government, D. M. Duggan, Conservative leader, brought an amendment to the resolution on the speech from the throne in the Legislature Tuesday afternoon, the Edmonton member declaring that the Premier and his advisers had signally failed to carry out the mandate of the people of Alberta in instituting a system of social credit, had failed to provide dividends and had done nothing to evolve policies capable of meeting existing conditions.

The lack of confidence amendment was seconded by J. L. Irwin, Conservative, Calgary.

Contrary to election pledges, Mr. Duggan declared, the first act of the Government was to rush to Ottawa to borrow money and then was wit-

### Loses Duce's Favor?



Archduke Otto of Hapsburg, whose cause as pretender to the throne of Austria Mussolini is reported to have deserted to win Hitler's favor.

nessed the extraordinary attitude of the Social Credit cabinet in engaging an orthodox financier in the person of R. J. Magor, and on the other hand quarrelling with Major Douglas, founder of Social Credit. An orthodox budget was submitted to the House with higher taxation, despite all the preaching about a new philosophy which would make possible that all Provincial troubles could be solved without external aid.

Mr. Duggan cited the introduction of prosperity certificates, with advocates of the scheme claiming that it offered a complete solution of unemployment problems, that under it highways would be built, resources developed, in short that a new Heaven and earth would be created. With the collapse of the scheme programs had to be abandoned and today unemployment was increased and Provincial problems were accentuated, Alberta being the one place in Canada where conditions had steadily become worse.

#### Says Alberta Laughing Stock

The Conservative leader claimed Alberta had become the laughing stock of the world with ill-considered legislation and the collapse of all fantastic proposals to lift the people out of depression.

Slating the Premier for suggesting that only Social Credit groups should determine whether or not the Premier should resign because of failure to implement promises of dividends and inauguration of Social Credit, Mr. Duggan said it was the duty of the House and country at large to review the record of the Government and ask seriously if there remained faith in the administration as presently constituted to evolve and carry out the major problems facing the Province.

No Province had greater wealth or potentialities than Alberta, and within it were possibilities of building

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### Chant Defends Government

Pledges of support for co-operative marketing and a defence of the Department's policy in reference to feed requirements in Southern Alberta were features of the address of Hon. W. N. Chant, Minister of Agriculture, in the Legislature. As the speech was given immediately before this issue went to press we are unable to give an extensive report of the Minister's statement. Mr. Chant denied that there had been red tape in shipments of feed to the dry area, so far as the Province was concerned. A number of applications had been refused by Federal officials.

### Points From Provincial Secretary's Statement

Prosperity Certificates Outstanding January 31st, 1937, \$29,853. Issued for roadwork payments \$272,516, for cash \$53,128, total \$325,544. Certificates cashed \$295,791. Proceeds from stamps held in trust \$20,652.98.

Advances in Income Tax, 10 months' period: \$354,131.28. Sales tax brought \$806,686.74; real and personal property tax plus new social service tax \$175,024.97; gasoline tax (scope of act widened) \$207,623.47; increase succession duties \$76,618.30. Liquor profits increase \$505,406.91; auto licenses up \$119,292.32; timber dues and rentals up \$188,889.27.

Net cost unemployment relief was \$1,980,926.57 as compared with \$1,613,670.52 in previous 10 months.

Savings certificates to value of \$974,236.72 have been paid. Certificates on hand total \$8,334,885.30, of which \$4,502,659.98 are in demand certificates and rest on terms, the Provincial Treasurer informed the Legislature.

### Find Alleged Vermilion Murderer's Body

FORT VERMILION, March 3rd.—The body of J. F. Porter, accused of the shooting of Wm. Ware yesterday, was found here last evening. Gunshot wounds appeared to be self-inflicted. The two men, farmers, had had a dispute over some wheat.

### TOLEDO REPORTED TAKEN

MADRID, Mar. 3rd. — Government troops today entered Toledo, held by the Fascist rebels since last September, it is unofficially reported here.

### WOULD BRING DOUGLAS

OTTAWA, Mar. 3rd. — Both J. H. Blackmore and P. J. Rowe stated today that Major Douglas should be brought to Alberta again to help introduce Social Credit.

Two C.N.R. trainmen lost their lives when a freight train ran into a snowslide near Hope, B.C., last week.

Large quantities of Canadian wheat will be bought, when prices are favorable, to be stored as a reserve in case of war, says a report from London.

### DEBT POSITION SHOWS INCREASE OF OVER MILLION

Surplus of \$271,920.98 on Income  
Account Shown in Statement  
by Minister

### HIGHER TAX REVENUE

New Taxes and Increased Liquor  
Profits Give Increased Yield  
—Other Statistics

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*  
By C. H. STOUT

EDMONTON, March 3rd.—Net funded and unfunded debt of the Province at the end of January this year was \$159,807,075.82 compared with \$158,081,350.47 at the end of the fiscal year on March 31st, 1936, the increase in Alberta's book liabilities during the ten months amounting to \$1,275,748.00.

This information was contained in a report on finances for the ten months period submitted to the Legislature Tuesday by Hon. Solon Low, Provincial Treasurer. Income account operations for the period showed a surplus of \$271,920.98, as against a deficit of \$2,124,054.26 for the corresponding months in the previous year, the statement showed.

#### Relief Nearly Two Million

Revenue from all sources during the ten months was \$16,612,332.99, and on ordinary account services amounted to \$14,359,585.44 providing a surplus of \$2,252,847.55, from which however was expended the sum of \$1,980,926.98 for unemployment relief charges.

After April 1st, 1936, all unemployment relief expenditures were charged to income account; agricultural relief and highways were charged to capital account.

Increases in net funded and unfunded debts were made up of \$1,180,000 3% treasury bills sold to Dominion for unemployment relief, due in 1937 and 1938; 3-1/4 per cent treasury bills due Jan. 1, 1937, renewed for year; \$450,000 for redemption of University debentures due July 1st, 1936, sold to sinking fund at par; total \$1,580,000. From which is deducted \$169,252 for sale Farm Loan Board shares applied on redemptions of treasury bills; \$135,000 from general revenue and telephone accounts applied on redemption debentures issue due Nov. 1, 1936.

Against bank loan \$5,700,000 Government turned in as security assignment of agreement for \$5,580,000 due here as final payment to Province for Northern railways from C.P.R. and C.N.R., this being due June 1, 1939. Bank holds as additional collateral \$2,000,000 of Alberta's 4 per cent debentures due Dec. 15, 1954.

For the first time in almost half a century, the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation made an agreement with representatives of union labor (John Lewis's C.I.O.), granting a 40-hour work week.



## TRADE AGREEMENT OF SOME VALUE TO PRAIRIE FARMERS

Should Make Some British Goods  
Including Woollens and  
Worsteds, More Easily  
Accessible

### DEFICIT REDUCED

Should \$8,000,000 on Wheat  
Account Go to Growers or  
Government?

By WILFRID EGGLESTON  
Special to The Western Farm Leader  
OTTAWA, March 3.—The new  
trade agreement should be of some  
value to prairie farmers in their  
efforts to pull through to better  
times, in the view of observers here.

### Will Give More Confidence

It is something to know that  
Canada's two most valuable markets,  
Britain and the United States, are  
assured for several years. There will  
be more confidence in planning pro-  
duction of wheat, hogs, cattle, and  
other commodities. The dairy pro-  
ducers may be subject to quotas at  
some later date, but the situation in  
that respect is exactly what it has  
been the past year and a half.

Some British goods should be more  
easily accessible: woollens and worsted,

## Select Friend of Big Business

NEW YORK, Mar. 3rd. —  
Charles Seymour, chosen by the  
Yale Corporation as the new  
President of the historic Yale  
University, is regarded as a safe  
choice from the standpoint of  
big business. He belongs to an  
old family of intellectual distinction  
who has consistently stood for  
things as they are, and there is no-  
thing in his own record which need  
worry those who regard the con-  
trol of universities in accordance  
with the views and policies of  
high finance and large industry,  
as a vitally necessary counter force  
in these days when the fresh  
winds of new ideas are stirring  
in many intellectual circles in the  
republic.

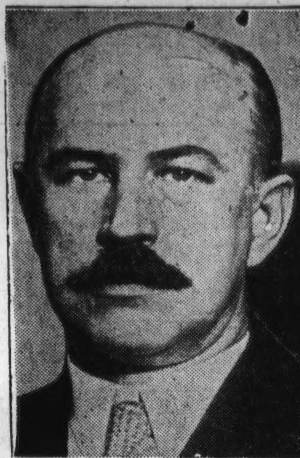
blankets, and several other items of  
especial interest to residents on the  
prairies. The duty on socks and  
stockings is about cut in half. On  
the cheaper carpets it is reduced  
even more.

### The Specific Duties

The specific duties look innocent  
enough in the tariff tables, but they  
add tremendously to the actual duties.  
Several of the specific duties on  
textiles were wiped out; others were  
reduced.

It is a much slower business  
getting tariffs down than putting  
them up, because in the one case

## Negus' Adviser Dies



Everett A. Colson, confidential ad-  
viser to Emperor Haile Sellassie dur-  
ing Italy's conquest of Ethiopia, died  
in Washington on February 23rd. A  
native of Maine, he was credited by  
many with being the "power behind  
the throne."

the affected interests are few and  
highly vocal; in the other they are  
as numerous as the population but  
diffuse and scattered in their pro-  
tests.

There was great satisfaction that  
no new taxes were proposed. Though  
much of it is hidden, the people are  
now carrying a fearsome load. There  
is little prospect of reductions, but  
the era of new burdens seems to be  
definitely over for a while.

### Lower Deficit

The reduction of the deficit to  
\$7 millions, which is 13 millions better  
than had been forecast last May,  
was accomplished in spite of drought  
expenditures and debt cancellations  
amounting to about 27 million dollars.  
The orthodox financiers, who believe  
that balanced budgets are essential  
to national welfare, will be pleased  
to see that the Minister expects a  
deficit not greater than 35 millions  
next year, and a surplus by 1939.  
If so, it will be the first surplus in  
ten years.

### Where Did \$8,000,000 Come From?

Higher wheat prices for the Gov-  
ernment's holdings resulted in a credit  
of \$8,000,000 to offset in part a sum  
of over \$15,000,000 which was set  
aside last session to cover probable  
losses on the wheat account. What  
several years ago threatened to be a  
heavy government liability turned  
out to be something of an asset.  
There will be some disposition to ask  
where the \$8,000,000 came from, and  
whether it ought to be returned to  
the Government, or paid out to the  
farmers who delivered wheat to the  
Board.

The Government has under con-  
sideration a definite low-cost state  
subsidized housing scheme. The  
flaw of all these propositions from the  
viewpoint of agriculture is that they  
forget the farmer. Everyone knows  
that some Canadian farmers are living  
in worse hovels than the city slums.  
Yet all schemes to date seem to have  
the city dweller and industrial worker  
almost exclusively in mind.

### Latest Housing Proposal

The latest proposal is to subsidize  
the low-wage earner by paying the  
difference between the economic rent  
on a decent house, and the sum which  
the worker can afford to pay. Whereas  
the lowest economic rent for a modern  
dwelling with reasonably good facili-  
ties is between \$23 and \$25 per month  
in most locations, the most the  
average worker in the lower-income-  
brackets can afford to pay is \$12 to  
\$16 per month. The idea is, out of a  
government fund, to bridge the gap  
between the two.

The scheme raises plenty of prob-  
lems, but something of the kind will

## 325 School Districts Default on Bonds to Total of \$216,912.76

Special to The Western Farm Leader  
By C. H. STOUT

EDMONTON, Mar. 1st.—Although  
debenture borrowings by local author-  
ities were said to be extremely low  
in the year 1936, a total of 352 school  
districts, three towns, four villages and  
one municipal district defaulted on  
bond payments during the year, it was  
revealed in the annual report of the  
Public Utilities Board tabled in the  
Legislature.

School district defaults amounted  
to \$216,912.76 and the total for the  
Province was \$297,314.28 after allow-  
ing for \$59,575.28 subsequent pay-  
ments made on account, the report  
stated.

### Milk Price Control

Enforcement work in connection  
with milk price control was said to  
be more onerous last year than in  
any other period. This was due to  
the actions of a small percentage of  
the trade cutting prices, the report  
explained, and making underpay-  
ments to producers.

Judge A. A. Carpenter referred to  
court convictions secured by the com-  
missioners to stop these infractions  
of the regulations, and mentioned  
steps taken to prevent further breaches.

### Cost for Year

Cost of milk price control in the 12  
months was \$13,300, with 60 per cent  
of the amount being borne by the  
milk trade. Study of distribution  
and processing costs in the industry  
had been carried forward and results  
would soon be available for guidance  
of the Board in its price work, the re-  
port added.

Under the securities act work had  
been increasing rapidly, due prin-  
cipally to the stimulation of the oil  
industry in Turner Valley. This  
activity among stock brokers and  
agencies required a great deal of  
attention and threatened to take up a  
considerable portion of the board's  
time, the report mentioned. Registra-  
tion of all brokers and companies  
selling shares in the Province is re-  
quired under the act. No mention  
was made of infractions of the regula-  
tions.

## Reduce Royalties on Absorption Plants

EDMONTON, Mar. 1st.—Orders-  
in-council issued by the Provincial  
Government at the end of last week  
reduced the royalty levied on absorp-  
tion plant products in the Turner  
Valley oil field, the amount being fixed  
at 2-1/2 to 5 per cent according to a  
schedule of rates, in place of the ten  
per cent rate in effect for some time  
previously. The royalty for a period  
of three years after January 1st, 1930,  
was five per cent.

Representations had been made from  
Turner Valley operators protesting  
against the 10 per cent rate. How-  
ever, on oil products recovered through  
traps and separators the royalty will  
remain at ten per cent.

Government officials have expressed  
gratification at the greatly increased  
revenue accruing from the oil industry  
since the new strikes and attending  
speculative activity in Turner Valley.

Wheat farmers in the Australian  
drought areas will require advance of  
\$4,000,000 to enable them to carry on  
until next harvest, the Agricultural  
Bank Commission of that country  
has estimated.

probably be launched. One hopes  
that the farmer will not be left to  
pay for the scheme, without getting  
any of the benefits from it.

Despite the spirited opposition of  
the C.C.F., which found ten Liberals  
in Quebec and the west to support  
them, the defence estimates were  
voted in full. Another debate is  
likely when the \$2,000,000 for the  
two new destroyers comes down in  
the supplementary estimates.

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## HIGHWAYS PLAN DEPENDENT UPON SOCIAL CREDIT

**Ambitious Five-Year-Plan Proposed,  
but Money not in Sight, Says  
Minister**

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON, Mar. 1st.—One paragraph in the speech from the throne delivered at the opening of the Legislature last Thursday afternoon will receive close attention during the next few weeks. This was the Government announcement that a Five-Year-Plan of reconstruction and hard surfacing of trunk highways would be undertaken in Alberta.

In moving the adoption of the speech the Social Credit member for Medicine Hat, J. L. Robinson, referred at more length but still briefly to the administration road plans, stating that it was hoped to have permanent roadways extend from the U.S. border to Edmonton and thence to Jasper Park, and from Walsh to Banff via Calgary on the Trans-Canada route.

Hon. W. A. Fallow told newspapermen subsequently that his ambitious highway policy might be conditional upon the inauguration of Social Credit in the Province, for millions were required for the project, and he confessed he could not say where the money for the work would come from. He said departmental plans call for the shortening of the Edmonton-Lethbridge highway by about 20 miles, some of the towns along the way being side-tracked where they meant diversions. Many dangerous turns and railway crossings would be eliminated and as far as possible straight-away routes followed.

In supporting the motion of adoption of the throne speech, A. V. Bourcier, Government member for Lac Ste. Anne, waxed eloquent over the prospects of putting unemployed men to work in road building under Social Credit. He declared all the idle men in Canada could be set to work on roads required in the riding of Lac Ste. Anne alone.

### Says Disgrace in 1936

Not so favorably impressed with these roseate pictures was J. J. Bowen, Calgary, Liberal House leader. He censured the public works branch severely for allowing excellent trunk roads to deteriorate within the last year, declaring that nothing had been done worth while to repair the main highways other than surface the Calgary to Banff route, where a

## Blanket Moratorium Follows Rejection of Debt Reduction Act

**For 60 Days—May Cut Principal—  
Government Does Not Favor  
Mortgage Assn. Plan**

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON.—With the Reduction of Debt Act enacted at the special short session of the Legislature last year thrown out bodily as unconstitutional by Mr. Justice Ewing of the Alberta Supreme Court, Premier Aberhart and his advisers promptly declared a blanket moratorium of 60 days on mortgages, loans, agreements of sale and similar time payments after members reached the city last week. It applies on debts contracted prior to January 1st, 1936. There are many exceptions, however, including debts due to the Federal and Provincial Governments, Canada Farm Loans Board, Soldier Settlement Board, cities, towns, villages, municipal, improvement, school and irrigation drainage districts, seed grain advances, advances under security act, insurance companies, advances made on mortgages after September 1, 1936, for the payment of taxes, seed grain, fire insurance premiums, hail insurance premiums. Exemptions are also provided for any debt due or payable pursuant to any judgment or order made in an action for divorce, judicial separation, alimony or any proceedings under the Domestic Relations Act, or debts owing for the purchase, rental or royalties payable in respect to the development of natural resources.

This action was taken to prevent a rush of foreclosure actions in the courts after the measure cutting down debts prior to 1932 and reducing interest since that time to 5 per cent, was ruled ultra vires. While moratorium action was being decided upon, Justice Ives of the Supreme Court found the Provincial act slicing bond interest in half also unconstitutional.

Apparently the Government is determined to push ahead with new legislation designed to reduce principal payments and lower interest rates, but no statement on impending measures has been given out. In all probability the Government will appeal the decision of Justice Ewing.

### Present Debt Cutting Plan

During the opening week of the House, representatives of Dominion and Alberta mortgage loan associations presented a plan for debt reduction in Alberta similar to that arranged in Saskatchewan. Within a stated drouth area interest arrears would be cancelled up to January 1st, 1935, and after the first of 1937 a six per cent interest rate applied on all farm mortgages. Crop payments would be accepted and defaults guarded against, while in the remainder of the Province farm loans would be standardized at six per cent interest. It is understood that Premier Aberhart and his Cabinet did not view the proposals with favor.

### CO-OPERATIVE'S GAINS

The Illinois Farm Supply Company (co-operative) made gains in 1936 over the previous year in income, of 25 per cent; in dividends paid to members' companies, 29 per cent. This company and its affiliates paid taxes aggregating over \$2,497,000 during their last fiscal year.

previous Government already had constructed a new grade. He maintained the Province's roads had been a disgrace in 1936 and urged a progressive and practical policy of rebuilding without more delay. In his opinion there was no use in bothering with scrip and credit plans but real money should be provided for the purpose.

It may be guessed that better roads will be a general topic of debate during the session now under way.

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## Expulsion Brings Change in Seating Assembly Members

**But Members "Read Out" Do not  
Necessarily Join in Opposition  
Unit**

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON, Mar. 1st.—Social Credit Government members may be read out of the party, but they don't necessarily join in an opposition unit in the House. This was exemplified in the Legislature when S. A. G. Barnes, Edmonton, who was expelled from the caucus last year, refused to have his desk lined up with those of the opposition facing the treasury row. James Hansen of Taber, also read out of the party, was content to stay put and looks across from directly in front of Mr. Barnes to the nine Ministers at the right of Mr. Speaker.

Two groups of Government supporters are now seated in the House, one block of about twenty fronting on the hollow square formation and facing Mr. Speaker, while the other occupies the traditional Government section at the right of the House.

Liberals and Conservatives, of whom there are seven, sit in their accustomed places to the left of the chamber. Only C. C. Ross, former Minister of Lands and Mines, and George H. Van Allen, Edmonton Liberal, were absent at the opening ceremonies. Hon. Ernest Manning, absent through illness for many weeks, was back in treasury row now extended to nine seats.

The new Speaker, Rev. Peter Dawson of Little Bow, assumed his new honors auspiciously Thursday and Friday, succeeding Hon. N. E. Tanner, Cardston, new Minister of Lands and

Mines. Former Ministers C. C. Ross and Charles Cockroft sit side by side in the section facing Mr. Speaker.

## CANADA'S MINERAL OUTPUT

\$360,340,000 worth of minerals were produced in Canada last year—an increase of more than 15 per cent over 1935, which was the record year up to that time. Gold accounted for one-third of the total value; and nickel production, stimulated by speeded-up armament making in Europe and elsewhere, increased by 21 per cent over 1935, to \$43,471,000 for the year just past.

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## THE SESSION AT EDMONTON

During the continuance of the important session of the Alberta Legislature now in progress, it will be our aim to provide for our readers objective reports of the proceedings, written from an independent standpoint. The first series of reports appears in this issue.

When, some years ago, in *The U.F.A.* extensive reports of the debates at Edmonton were published, that paper had a reputation for fairness to those who were opposed to the policies of the Government of the day. The gentleman who was at that time the leader of the official Opposition went so far as to state on the floor of the Assembly that the fairest reports of his own contributions to the discussions were those which appeared in *The U.F.A.*

We hope and believe that it will be possible for both supporters and opponents of the present Government to feel that they can depend upon fair treatment in our columns—and that we shall be deserving of as high a tribute as the tribute that was paid to the former paper.

Anything we may have to say in expression of editorial opinion will be expressed on this page or in special articles.

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## CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH

The number of signatories to the petition calling for the conscription of wealth in the event of war, which we published a month ago, has been unexpectedly large.

The responses have come from all parts of Alberta, and from readers in Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Manitoba. In a great many cases the signatures have been far too numerous to be written in the lines left blank for the purpose under the petition as published, and additional sheets of paper have been necessary to carry all the names of those who wished to support its objects.

We had planned in this issue to publish an analysis of the responses from various districts, and also to republish the petition, for the benefit of readers who while in sympathy with the proposals it contains may have overlooked the matter or failed to act when they first read its contents.

Space limitations have prevented

republishing at this time, but any readers who have their copies of the issue of February 5th available may find it worth while to turn back to it if they have not already taken action. We hope to reprint it in our issue of March 19th.

It must not be anticipated that the proposal to make the conscription of wealth the first thing to be done in the event of war, and to provide for such conscription in advance, will be accepted without strong opposition. That is one reason why those who are in favor of such a policy should make their views known.

At a later date all the signed petitions will be forwarded to the Canadian Parliament at Ottawa.

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## SELLING POLICY UNFAIR TO GRAIN GROWERS

Little has been told in our Western newspapers of the vigorous fight carried on at Ottawa by some Western representatives against the selling policy which has deprived prairie wheat growers of a great part of the benefit to which the rise in prices entitled them.

That fight has been carried on in their behalf, however, although few of the farmers of the West may know it, for comparatively few are subscribers to *Hansard*, the official report of the Parliamentary debates.

Speaking in the debate on the address, M. J. Coldwell, member for Rosetown-Biggar, Saskatchewan, and a representative of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, said in part:

"The tragedy of the situation at the present time is this, that neither the farmers who produced the wheat nor the Canadian people who carried it through the depths of the agricultural depression have received the maximum benefit to which they were properly entitled. For this, obscured though it be at the moment by rising prices, the selling policy of the present Government is in no small measure responsible. Defence of that policy is being made throughout the country and is based upon the assertion that neither the Government nor Wheat Board could have foreseen the shortage created by the north American drought, and that it was essential to get rid of the accumulated surplus.

"When Parliament prorogued late in June it was becoming evident that drought was in the making. I motored back to Western Canada, and when I passed through North Dakota I saw the crop burning almost hour by hour. When I got back into my own Province and my own constituency in those first days of July, I saw a crop with splendid promise withering visibly before my eyes; yet in that month of July, when it was perfectly

evident that, owing to the condition which was developing throughout the whole of the North American wheat belts, wheat must go higher and become an asset of tremendous value, the Canadian Wheat Board sold a record amount of wheat.

"The amount sold during the month of July, according to the Bureau of Statistics, reached the enormous figure of 62,302,891 bushels. These sales, might I add, cannot be said to have been made to ultimate consumers. I believe—and my guess in this connection is just as good as that of anybody else—that a great deal of the wheat passed into the hands of various speculative interests, and while we are told that this removed the depressing carryover, it did not in reality remove that carryover at all. All it did was to change the ownership of the wheat that was carried over; that was all.

"Therefore, in view of the situation in North America and the world grain position, the setting of the minimum price at 87-1/2 cents a bushel on August 27th, with the proviso that the Board's operations in relation to the 1936 crop would not begin unless and until the price of wheat fell to 90 cents for No. 1 northern at Fort William, was a distinct disappointment to all our western producers; and I say that knowing that many of the farmers who supported the Government which today occupies the seats of power in this Dominion were just as much disappointed, if not more so, than those who voted against the Government.

"Subsequent events have shown that the organized farmers of Saskatchewan, in asking for a price of \$1.15 a bushel, were not unreasonable. The Government and the Wheat Board together, in my opinion, again deprived the Western growers and the people of Canada from reaping the benefit both of the carryover and the world situation. This meant serious losses not only to the farmers but to all those who are dependent on the farmers—the country storekeeper, the doctor, the implement agent, the school teacher, all those whose livelihood depends upon the ability of the farmer to meet his obligations.

"Let me remind this House—and I have said this before—that one of the difficulties in Western Canada, and indeed perhaps in no small measure the cause of the fundamental economic situation there, is that the farmer, year in and year out, has never received the cost of production of this principal product, wheat. Our university in Saskatchewan states that the average cost over a period of years of producing a bushel of wheat on all types of land in the Province is between \$1.03 and \$1.04 a bushel. If we bear that in mind, it can be readily understood why there was such universal disappointment when the price was set at 87-1/2 cents. This, too, was done on August 27th. Now this year we had an unusually early harvest, and a great deal of the crop had already been delivered to the elevators and was in the bins, and sold by August 27. Yet, in spite of that, the Wheat Pools and the western growers endeavored unsuccessfully to get the Government to reconsider its decision."

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## SUPPRESSING A FILM

In marked contrast to the attitude of Mr. Duggan and Mr. Bowlen, who in the Legislature last week paid tributes to the personality of the former King Edward VIII, is that of the Ottawa authorities who have decided to suppress the Vimy film, which cost the people of Canada \$15,000, because the former King is in many instances prominent in the foreground.

The pictures are said to be the finest of their kind ever taken. Vimy pilgrims have been waiting with some impatience for them to be shown. But now, by reason of the petty and utterly unimaginative action of those who are in control of the release, we are informed that "they probably never will be seen in a motion picture theatre by this generation at least."

We hope that the Canadian Legion and other returned soldiers' organizations will not allow the matter to rest there.



## STATE ELECTORS SHOULD DECIDE ON ISSUE OF PLEDGES

Government Should Step Down  
From Office, Contention of  
Liberals in Legislature

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*  
By C. H. STOUT

EDMONTON, Mar. 1st. — Premier Aberhart's announcement in Calgary Sunday that the failure to implement promises for distribution of basic dividends within 18 months and establishment of Social Credit in the Province could be referred to Social Credit groups early in June for a decision as to whether he should resign or not, drew scathing criticism from opposition forces in the Legislature Monday afternoon when J. J. Bowlen, Liberal House leader, and Dr. W. Morrish, Edmonton Liberal, declared that the Government should step out of office without more delay and allow the electors of the Province to decide what should be done regarding the breakdown of the Premier's pledges and policies.

The speakers claimed that democratic functions of Government were being turned into a farce with only a portion of the electors being asked to give a mandate for further handling of the reins of power, and asserted that Premier Aberhart had no right to go to London to represent Alberta at the Coronation until a decision had been given by all the voters whether the administration was capable of carrying on.

### Paid by Whole Province

"The Premier's salary is not paid by Social Credit groups but by all the people of the Province," said Dr. Morrish, "for a total of 163,700 persons voted against social credit in 1935, representing 40 per cent of the electorate, and if our democratic system means anything they have a right to say something about the Premier's actions and unfulfilled promises."

J. J. Bowlen believed the entire Province had been stirred by the Premier's confession in Calgary that Social Credit plans would have to be dropped, and it could only be accepted as an admission of complete failure that the Government would be unable to pay dividends in the future. What had caused this sudden change of mind? the Liberal leader wondered.

### Promise of September Last

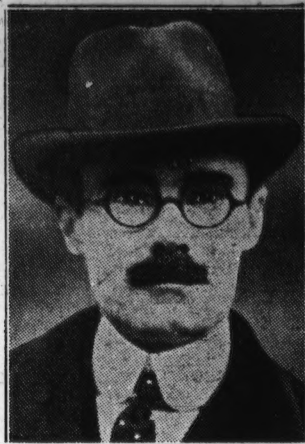
Reading from the *Calgary Albertan* a report of the Premier's statement at Spirit River on September 10th, Mr. Bowlen noted that both the Government leader and Hon. Dr. Cross at that time announced that "Basic dividends will start to flow to co-operating citizens within the next two months." Not before or since had the Premier been opposed by Liberals or others in the House, and there was no justification in fact for assertions that obstruction and blocking methods had prevented the Premier from carrying out his plans. The Social Credit Measures Act had not been opposed in the regular session of 1936, nor had any obstruction been placed in the way of the enabling legislation for registration and covenants in the special session last fall.

"Promises made last year and the year before by the Premier were made recklessly and without the foggiest or faintest idea as to how they were to be put into effect, and under these circumstances, and in view of the utter collapse of the Social Credit pledges, I ask the Premier in fairness to the people of this Province to resign," Mr. Bowlen stated.

### People Disturbed

Dr. Morrish charged that the people of Alberta had never been so disturbed as at the present time. They were fearful of the future. Moveable capital had moved away. Never before had there been so much uncertainty in the affairs of Government. If Alberta was to be represented at the

## To Discuss Naval Questions CREDIT BASED ON REAL WEALTH NEED STATES BOURCIER



Sir Robert Craigie, British assistant secretary of state for foreign affairs, who will sail for the United States on March 17th, and may visit Washington to discuss naval question of vital importance to both countries.

Coronation by the Premier, he should at least have the confidence of all electors. He suggested that either the Premier should resign, or the Government should quit and seek a new mandate, or failing these, that the Premier should take the people into his confidence and get down to sound methods of conducting public affairs as soon as possible.

Further, he believed the Premier should no longer link church and state questions by political broadcasts on Sundays. He thought creditors were in a more favorable mood than one year ago and that something in the way of "horse trading" for an adjustment of debts might be negotiated. Mr. Bowlen referred to unemployment increasing to an alarming extent in spite of added help from the Federal Government. Highways had been allowed to disintegrate for want of maintenance and little in the way of new construction had been carried out. He urged immediate attention to improving roads, and especially highways for the attraction of tourists. He regarded the proposed 5-year plan as so indefinite that another big disappointment probably was in store for the country. Previous promises that 20,000 men would be employed on highways in 1936 had no basis in truth, and today the Government was faced with lack of funds despite higher taxation and Federal help.

### Agricultural Conditions

The Liberal leader wanted more attention devoted to bettering agricultural conditions, definite steps taken to control the weed menace, more co-operation with the Dominion Government in studying the drought problem in the south, some action toward a Province-wide hail insurance plan and a forward policy to assist development of the Turner Valley oil field.

Changes in the Cabinet were criticised by the Calgary member when capable Ministers like C. C. Ross and Charles Cockcroft were permitted to leave. Able deputies like J. F. Percival in the treasury branch should be retained instead of having to resign.

Dr. Morrish declared public uneasiness was due to the threats to license the press, to published reports of disturbing speeches by private members, to controversies over the Hargrave plan and support by the Communist party, to wrangles between the Premier and Major Douglas, to various pronouncements, all different, by members of the Social Credit party, to the recall bill, "most asinine and emasculated measure ever passed by this House," to the issue of scrip, "juvenile excursion into the realms of folly," the failure of the codes, the cut in interest rates on Provincial bonds, and many others. These had left the Government open to attack from every side, in the opinion of the Edmonton member.

Hard Surfacing Plans Stressed by  
Mover and Secondor of Ad-  
dress in Assembly

EDMONTON, Mar. 3rd. — Mover and secondor of the debate on the throne speech, J. L. Robinson, Medicine Hat, and A. V. Bourcier, Lac Ste. Anne, spoke from the Government ranks last Friday with emphasis placed on the proposed hard surfacing highway plan by Dr. Robinson, and stress placed on the need for better roads in the north by the secondor of the resolution in reply.

Mr. Bourcier said that under Social Credit all the idle men in Canada might be placed on roads required in the Lac Ste. Anne riding alone. Industry could only be stimulated when credit was provided based upon the real wealth of the Province, he asserted. At present any slight recovery in economic conditions was merely an opiate and any hope of a permanent return of prosperity was only an idle dream.

### Today's Paradox

"Rather paradoxical isn't it," asked Mr. Robinson, "that our business in Canada should be getting better while unemployment is growing worse?"

He said the problem was not peculiar to Alberta but administration of relief was driving to distraction officials of the Federal Government, the Provinces and municipalities. He was alarmed at the attitude of young men who first refused to take work on farms under an assistance scheme, then subsequently objected to go to desirable work camps. He thought newspapers should swing their support behind relief authorities instead of featuring troubles and dissension.

Present actions of speculators in oil stocks, he thought, belied their pre-

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vious expression of ruined credit in the Province, and that on one hand they boasted their profits on the market and on the other vilified the Government which made such winnings possible.

Retorting to this, J. J. Bowlen wondered how the Government could take credit for the oil resources of Turner Valley or in any development which had taken place over many years by corporations and individuals.

### Lauds Leadership

Mr. Robinson lauded the leadership of the Premier and thought the term M.L.A. might be interpreted as "Men Like Aberhart."

Mr. Bowlen said it could not be disputed that more than \$20,000,000 in bonds and cash had been moved from the Province out of fear that the Government's legislation might seize these assets, but Mr. Bourcier thought the administration was to be commended for trying to relieve debtors' burdens and hoped that the new courage given these people would be maintained at any cost. He visualized revolutionary changes in the field of education, with health needs of children taken care of by a system of state medicine.

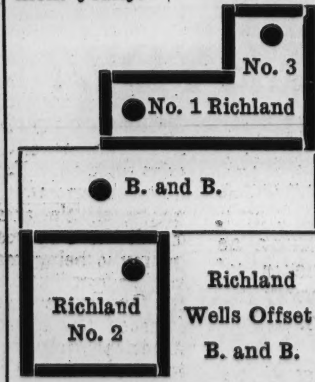
The only Government member taking part in the debate Monday was F. M. Baker, Clover Bar, who urged the continued study of social credit and a more intensive development of the coal mining industry.

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*This statement is one of a series written by The Mortgage Loans Association of the Province of Alberta. The Association is composed of 34 member companies. It represents hundreds of thousands of small investments by typical Canadians. Its loans to citizens of Alberta amount to some forty-five million dollars.*

## Arms Spending Brings Boom in Metals

On the heels of the announcement of the big armament building program of Great Britain, come reports of heavy buying and increased prices of metals and of mining stocks. A rise in the price of copper on the New York markets to 15.95 cents per pound (as compared with 9.25 cents in February of last year) is expected to bring huge profits to Canadian mining companies.

## Average Wage Even of "Aristocrats" Low

Propagandists who are fond of telling farmers about the ruinous wages paid to railway workers, the "aristocrats of labor," will find it hard to explain the fact that last year 110,000 American railway men received 35 cents per hour or less—some of them as little as 10 cents an hour; and this in a year when railway company profits in the U.S.A. aggregated \$665,479,000. And it would take some figuring to devise a budget by which such wage rates would supply a family with food, clothing, rent,

water and electric light rates, carfare, medical and dental service, to say nothing of allowances for church and charity, entertainment, books and newspapers, organization dues, and the thousand and one incidentals that every housewife and every family man knows about.

"With growing anxiety we mothers of sons have watched the increasing blackness of the war clouds. The situation grows deadly in intensity. The war preparations mount until it is estimated that 11-1/2 billion dollars is being spent annually by seven of the world's chief nations for armaments—five times as much as was spent in the year before the Great War. The intrigue and skilled diplomacy with which the figures of the chess board of the various 'scales' have been moved in startling rapidity to meet the need of the immediate hour. We have watched the situation with intense alarm, knowing full well that if Britain were involved in war it would only be a question of hours until Canada would be involved also." —Mrs. Price, in address to the U.F.A. Convention.

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## Tributes to New and Former King Are Paid in Alberta Assembly

### Premier's Motion—Liberal, Conservative Leaders Refer to Services of King Edward VIII

Special to The Western Farm Leader

EDMONTON. — Eloquent tributes to the courage and inspirational examples of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, coupled with deep appreciation of the splendid service given the Empire in times past by the present Duke of Windsor, were voiced in the Legislature Friday by Premier Aberhart, and Messrs. Bowlen and Duggan, Liberal and Conservative leaders respectively, when supporting a resolution of loyalty and devotion to Their Majesties.

The Premier said the resolution was not submitted as a mere formality but as a deep and abiding expression of admiration for the sovereign and royal family and for the British throne. The British flag stood for justice, freedom and unity, and the manner in which the shock of the constitutional crisis was met by monarch, government and subjects in the empire demonstrated to the world the strength and solid purpose of the British people.

### Visits to Alberta

Mr. Bowlen thought the affection of Alberta residents for the royal family was made more sincere and

## Seeks Contact With Rural School Trustees

H. E. Heath of Lacombe, director of the United Farmers of Alberta for Wetaskiwin, who has been elected rural representative on the executive of the Alberta School Trustees' Association, would like to get in touch with any trustees who have problems, the discussion of which might be of mutual interest and benefit. As The Western Farm Leader goes into outlying rural districts he has requested that any trustee who may be interested and who may read this note, should communicate with him.

It is reported that all the Provinces except Saskatchewan and British Columbia will have representatives at the Coronation.

personal by the love which the former Prince of Wales and later King Edward VIII won from his visits to this Province.

Mr. Bowlen recalled that the famous E.P. brand was given by him to H.R.H. after the royal ranch was acquired in 1919.

Mr. Duggan eloquently touched upon the circumstances of the abdication and thought the people of the empire were not blameless in the causes of the crisis.

The service performed as heir to the throne by the former Prince of Wales was something that should not soon be forgotten. The resolution was unanimously endorsed by a standing vote of the Assembly.

## Court of Last Appeal



Mikhail Ivanovitch Kalinin, president of Russian Soviet Republic, seriously considers the plea of a citizen in a dispute between two men involving their jobs. The hearings are informal and the citizen gives his side to Kalinin without the aid of an attorney. Virtual one-man supreme court for the Russian peasant and working man, Kalinin wields immense power.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE GOVERNMENT AIM IN NEW ZEALAND

Minister Claims Guaranteed Prices  
for Dairy Farmers Important  
Advanced Step

### REVIEWS PAST YEAR

"Economic and Social Welfare Go  
Together," States Minister of  
New Labor Government

AUCKLAND, New Zealand.—Reporting a recent address of Premier Savage, leader of the first Labor Government of New Zealand, the *Weekly News* says:

"The anniversary of Labor's election to office provides a most fitting opportunity to make a survey of progress and indicate lines of further advance," said the Prime Minister, Mr. Savage, last Thursday. During the election campaign, he added, it was made clear that the immediate objective of the party if elected would be the restoration of fair and reasonable standards of living and it has been the consistent aim of the Government through legislation to improve the lot of the people on the lower income levels.

Mr. Savage said that for the time being the limit of social reform was set by the taxable capacity of the country, but this was far from the objective of Labor, for the future policy involved far-sighted planning and direction of the economic activity of the State. It was to this end they were working. Already, as a result of legislative measures of the first session of Parliament, solid foundations had been laid for the fulfilment of Labor's objectives.

### Dairy Farming Industry

Reviewing what had been done Mr. Savage emphasised that the guiding principle of the Government was social justice. Its aim was that the economic organization should be adapted to social needs and if any of the institutions of the Dominion failed in this respect they must be changed. A big start had already been made towards removing some of the fundamental defects. In this regard he cited what had been done for the dairy farming industry in guaranteed prices and said further steps were being taken towards putting the production and marketing system in order. The Minister of Marketing was at present in London endeavoring to negotiate reciprocal trade agreement.

Under the Mortgagees and Lessees Rehabilitation Act it would be possible to make considerable progress toward a satisfactory solution of the old problem of mortgage indebtedness. Mr. Savage also mentioned the reorganization of the Mortgage Corporation and housing loans.

In regard to manufacturing industries, he said the policy had been directed toward preventing exploitation of the public and to prevent economic waste wherever possible. It was intended to take effective measures toward preventing such well-known economic abuses as those connected with land speculation and excessively high cost land and also faulty investment methods.

The Prime Minister claimed that considerable progress had been made toward raising the material standards of the people. Practically the whole body of industrial law had been overhauled and amended, compulsory arbitration restored, a 40-hour and five day week instituted, pensions increased, invalid pensions provided, wages restored and purchasing power increased with a marked return to business prosperity. There was ample evidence that the country could afford the higher standards of living the welfare and happiness of the people demanded.

Next year it was intended to put into operation such further schemes as national superannuation, national

## Executed by Fascists



Competent independent authorities have declared that the great mass of the Spanish people are behind their legal Government, and willing to make sacrifices to serve them behind the Fascist enemy lines. The picture shows Rosita Diaz, Spanish motion picture star, who has been executed as a spy by the rebel troops, now largely Italian and German "volunteers," according to a report received in Gibraltar. She was a familiar figure on the Spanish stage and screen and also appeared in French, Latin-American and Hollywood moving pictures.

### SWEDEN HEADS LIST FOR SPANISH AID

In proportion to her population, Sweden easily heads the list of contributors to the Spanish Government's aid. According to the *New York Times* contributions from that country amounted to \$960,000, from France \$736,000, from the U.S.S.R. \$1,656,000, and from Great Britain \$343,000. From the U.S.A. and Canada the amount is \$250,000.

Cold weather in January has reduced the California output of citrus fruits this season by about one-third it is estimated.

health insurance and a complete overhauling of the education system.

"It is not easy to generalize concerning the legislation passed by the Government during the first session," said Mr. Savage. "Since finance is the key to the whole problem of administration, one of our first acts was to place the Reserve Bank under State ownership, thus giving the Government complete control of the currency and credit mechanism and making it possible to increase production. Having taken this step we are in a position to formulate a financial policy which will serve the social and industrial structure of the country."

### Hand in Hand

"After all, economic and social welfare go together and in exercising control over the monetary policy and in regulating and co-ordinating production it will be the aim of the Labor Government to achieve such measure of economic reconstruction that the people of the Dominion will enjoy a standard of social well-being that will make them the envy of the world."

After referring to social conditions the Prime Minister said: "I know of no better way of distributing fairly the national income than by the provision of necessary social services and the aim of the Government will always be directed toward achieving this result. I do not expect we can achieve this end at once—it will take time. We will no doubt make mistakes, but these will be rectified as soon as they become evident. I give my word that we will remain true to our principles and keep faith with the people."

Mr. Savage paid a tribute to his colleagues in the Ministry.

## IMPORT-EXPORT BUREAU PLANNED BY GOVERNMENT

Rumored Drastic Powers Under  
Proposed Credit Payment Plan  
and Wholesale Provisions

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*  
EDMONTON, Mar. 3rd.—No little interest has been evident in public circles following the semi-official announcement that the Government expects to bring down legislation within a few days for the establishment of an import-export bureau—in more exact terms a Provincial marketing board.

### Fears Expressed

Fears are hinged on rumors that drastic powers will be vested in the board and Government under the proposed credit payment plan and wholesale provisions. Generally it appears the scheme will set up machinery for disposing of farm grain and produce outside the Province with prices slightly above the prevailing level where Alberta credit is taken as payment. The board would dispose of the products for currency and make purchases of goods in wholesale lots where such commodities had to be obtained outside the Province.

Although it is said that the marketing facilities will be operated on a voluntary basis, with farmers and

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others co-operating without coercion, the wide powers expected to be drafted for the board may provide the Government agency with virtually a wholesale monopoly, according to those not in sympathy with the project. Supporters on the other hand hold the view that better prices for both outgoing and incoming commodities can be established.

For these and many other obvious reasons the marketing board bill is awaited with keenest interest in the House.

  
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# Current News from Near and Far

## PROVINCIAL

Business of the Calgary Stock Exchange during February totalled \$4,285,000, setting a new record.

A. J. Mason has been appointed chairman of the Alberta Liquor Control Board, succeeding R. J. Dinning.

The sale of oil and gas rights on 80 acres of land in Turner Valley netted the Provincial Government over \$32,000 in royalties.

The executive of the People's League are meeting in Calgary beginning today (March 5th) to decide on the future policy of the organization.

Premier Aberhart and Mrs. Aberhart have reserved steamship accommodation to the Old Country, where they plan to attend the Coronation.

Senator Patrick Burns, better known as "Pat" Burns, pioneer cattleman, founder of the packing company that bears his name, and industrialist, died at his home in Calgary last Wednesday. He was 81 years of age.

Milder weather over the week-end has relieved the road and feed situation in Southern Alberta. Traffic south from Lethbridge was open, though cars could not move from Calgary to Lethbridge early this week.

Referring to the promises of dividends at the end of eighteen months, Premier Aberhart, broadcasting from the Bible Institute on Sunday, said that he "was not resigning" and that he would call on "social crediters now registered" to express their opinion, by resolution, as to whether or not his Government should carry on.

When his small brother fell into an open well, 40 feet deep, at North Red Deer, 15-year-old Tom Donnelly, with great courage and presence of mind, tied a rope to a nearby tree and "shinned" down, plucking the little fellow out of the water and standing him in the pail used for drawing water, so that he could be pulled to safety.

Appeal will be taken to the Privy Council against the decision of a majority of the Supreme Court of Canada, which reversed the findings of the trial judge and the Supreme Court of Alberta, which had refused to accept the jury's verdict awarding \$10,000 damages to Miss Vivian MacMillan (now Mrs. Henry Sorenson of Edson), against Hon. J. E. Brownlee, it is announced by M. M. Porter, K.C., counsel for Mr. Brownlee. Of the eleven judges, including the trial judge and the two courts of appeal, who have now given judgments in the matter, five were favorable to the dismissal of the jury's verdict and six against. Mr. Justice H. H. Davis of the Supreme Court of Canada, dissenting from the majority of the court, declared: "In my opinion the evidence disclosed no cause for action, and therefore the action was properly dismissed."

Alfred Denega and his wife Mary, of St. Paul district, died of razor wounds, apparently inflicted by the husband. They leave a year-old baby.

Existing regulations for trucking traffic may force truck-owners to charge higher rates for hauling, it was stated before the highway traffic board in Calgary on Tuesday.

Although the Securities Interest Act was declared ultra vires last week by Mr. Justice Ives, in the Alberta Appeal Court, the Provincial Government instructed its bank that debenture interest payments falling due March 1st would be paid at the rate of 2-1/2 per cent instead of the original rate, averaging 4.89 per cent.

Presenting a plan for voluntary debt reduction, Canadian Mortgage and loan companies told Premier Aberhart in an interview last week that, with the Government's approval, they would agree to cutting interest on Alberta farm mortgages to 6 per cent, cancelling all arrears of interest prior to January 1st, 1935, on mortgages in the drought areas.

After the Appeal Court of Alberta had upheld the jury's decision in the case of Mrs. Pogmore, the Ottawa Department of Justice intervened, and commutation of her sentence to life imprisonment was announced on Monday. Emmanuel Ernst, convicted of the same murder, was hanged on Wednesday, the same authority having decided against changing his sentence.

Asking information as to salaries and expenses of Cabinet Ministers for comparative periods, expenditures made in connection with the credit house plan, fees collected under codes, registration for social credit dividends, seed grain distribution, the stamped scrip experiment and other matters, D. M. Duggan, M.L.A., presented twenty questions in the Legislature on Monday.

Repudiation of the suggestions made by John Hargrave, formerly technical adviser to the Alberta Government, was voted by the Social Credit caucus in Edmonton last week, it was announced. Mr. Hargrave in a series of telegrams to the caucus had offered to give advice to "genuine Social Credit Government," stating that a Social Credit plan was practicable but that the present Government was not committed to those principles and was "wholly incompetent."

## DOMINION

Further conference between the railways and railwaymen's unions will take place, on the question of the restoration of the ten per cent wage cut.

Waitresses in a Winnipeg restaurant had been paid as little as \$3.50 for an 82-hour working week, it was shown in police court recently, when the owners were fined for violating the Minimum Wage Act.

The C.P.R. recently reported net earnings of over \$23,000,000 for 1936.

Hon. Charles Dunning on Monday introduced legislation in Parliament to provide for pensions for blind, needy persons of forty years of age and over.

Financial reports issued by 93 Canadian companies since July last show net profits aggregating almost \$40,000,000, or an increase over the previous year of 6.3 per cent.

Caught by a snowslide while running a few feet ahead of her father, little Evelyn Stewart, and her dog, lost their lives. The family live in a very narrow valley near Nelson, B.C.

More than 1,000 workers in Western Ontario furniture factories are on strike, and negotiations are going on between the factory owners and the men's representatives on wages and working conditions. Some 24 plants are affected.

The suit of John L. Loveseth and Mrs. M. B. Hopkins, of Vancouver, against Premier Aberhart for \$625 and \$500, respectively, which they claim as wages for organizing work, comes up March 8th. Special arrangement was made for Mr. Aberhart to give his evidence in Edmonton.

Canada should have united with other nations to enforce League of Nations sanctions against Italy during her war of conquest against Ethiopia, said Angus MacInnis, C.C.F., in opposing the \$34,000,000 vote for the Department of Defence. Failing such united action, the C.C.F. members maintained, Canada's armament program was ineffective, unnecessary and provocative.

## WORLD

During the past year the German army has been brought up from 550,000 to 800,000 men, its air force to 137 squadrons and its first line battleships to 2,060.

Italians between the ages of 18 and 55 will be subject to periodical conscription and military training, according to new decrees of Mussolini and his Fascist grand council.

Further overtures to Germany, offering a new Locarno agreement, were made by Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, in the British House of Commons on Tuesday. The original Locarno pact, concluded in 1925, was contravened by Hitler's arming the Rhine last spring.

In spite of their declared unwillingness to help Germany finance huge armament schemes, the Nazi financial dictator, Dr. Schacht, has persuaded Montagu Norman, head of the Bank of England, and bankers of France, the U.S. and other countries, to allow continued default on repayment of German foreign debts.

All Ethiopians found with arms in their huts have been "liquidated" by Italian firing squads, in reprisal for the wounding of Viceroy Graziani at a celebration two weeks ago, in honor of the birth of an Italian prince. From the crowd of Ethiopians several hand grenades were thrown, injuring Graziani and others.

The non-intervention committee planning a blockade of Spain, scheduled to begin March 6th, is meeting objections from Germany and Italy, whose delegates claim that the present plan would be tantamount to a Franco-British blockade. These powers also refused to agree to withdrawal of foreign troops from Spain unless Spanish gold were "neutralized."

## A DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Farm people who know of the splendid work they have done in the farm movement will learn with deep regret of the double tragedy in the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Proudfoot, of Spruceville district near Lacombe. Shortly after their return from the U.F.A. Convention, at which Mr. Proudfoot had been a delegate, the fourth son, Donald, 15 years of age, died from illness, and within twelve days, their third son, Percy, aged 21, was dead. Both belonged to the Junior U.F.A. Both Mr. and Mrs. Proudfoot have belonged to the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. since its inception in their district, being members of the Progressive Locals, and active in an official capacity in various branches of the movement. Before the recent deaths their family consisted of five boys and two girls.

Failure of the Nazi envoy, Von Ribbentrop, to arrange an understanding with Britain for German expansion eastwards, is reported to have led to his loss of Hitler's favor.

No fewer than 40,000 Italians landed in Spain during January, followed by large forces in February, according to information secured by the Manchester Guardian.

British Labor Cabinet Ministers of the future will not wear court dress but will array themselves merely in formal evening attire for ceremonial occasions, according to a decision of the Labor Party.

In proportion as they benefited from the will of King George V. members of the royal family will contribute to a fund to provide an annual income for the Duke of Windsor.

In spite of the heavy reinforcements of Fascist rebel forces by German and Italian "volunteers" the Government has been successful in recent engagements, repulsing another attack on Madrid and surrounding a body of 700 troops near the city. A strong attack was also made on Toledo, held by the rebels, and Government forces are marching on Motril, another Fascist stronghold.

"The Alberta Experiment" will be the title of a new book by Major Douglas, to appear shortly. A despatch from London states that it will show the Major's view that almost every possible mistake in financial strategy has been made in Alberta by the present administration, but that the position still is not hopeless from the point of view of setting up a social credit scheme, and drastic reduction of taxation.

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## Position Created by Invalidation of Debt Reduction Act

Sensible Solution Would Be Enlistment of Support of Other Prairie Governments and of Farm Bodies in Demand for More Effective Machinery Under Federal Act

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C., LL.D.

SINCE the last issue of this paper the problem of reduction and settlement of debts has moved forward another step by the judgment of Mr. Justice Ewing declaring *ultra vires* the Reduction and Settlement of Debts Act passed at the special session of the Legislature last fall.

This decision occasioned no surprise to the legal fraternity, and I doubt if it caused any real surprise to the law officers of the Crown, as the validity of the act was generally considered very doubtful from the beginning.

To review the judgment of the court at any length would be of little value to the average layman. It is probably sufficient to say that the court proceeded on the basis of a few well established principles:

1. That in considering Provincial legislation the courts will examine the whole act to find out the substance of the legislation or what the Legislature is really intending to do and not the mere form of the legislation only.

2. The Provincial Legislature cannot do indirectly what it cannot do directly.

### Pith of Provincial Act

The judge concluded after such an examination that the pith and substance of the Provincial act and its real intent was to deal with interest, and that the Dominion Parliament was given under the British North America Act jurisdiction to deal with interest and had occupied the field by passing the Dominion Interest Act.

The judge refused to accept the view that the Dominion Interest Act only gave the Dominion the right to deal with interest generally by defining a general rate of interest throughout Canada, any excess of which would be considered as usury, and that inasmuch as the Provincial Act was considered in its essence to be an attack on interest, it was beyond the power of the Province to pass.

Having reached this conclusion the judge did not deal with any other arguments, which will no doubt be raised should the Province decide to enact legislation seeking to make a general reduction in principal.

In passing it might be observed that this decision should be of interest to those throughout the Province who are attempting to argue that Alberta is a separate state and that the Provincial Legislature is not bound by the terms of the British North America Act.

Since the decision the Government has passed a sixty-day moratorium, which briefly stated means that no action can be taken during that time with respect to any debt or liability incurred before the 1st of January, 1937, unless such debt comes under one of the several exceptions mentioned in the order-in-council, such as debts to the Crown or to municipalities.

As to whether this action was or was not necessary, it is probably idle to debate. The simple fact is that a moratorium does not settle or reduce debts. It simply postpones action and in the meantime interest accrues.

### Further Policy Necessary

It is obvious, therefore, that to meet the problem of reducing debts some further policy must be established. In the meantime we are rapidly passing on to another crop. Wheat prices may remain high, in which case there is danger that the Dominion Government may conclude

that the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act is not necessary, or wheat prices may fall, in which case it will be a disaster if the problem of reduction of debts has not been fully dealt with.

As yet there has been little headway in the actual reduction of debts. The procedure under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act is slow, and although there were some voluntary adjustments during the time the Debt Reduction Act was in force, they were comparatively few in number. The larger creditors refused to acknowledge the act and simply waited.

### Bill to Reduce Principal

It is generally conceded that the Government is working on a bill to reduce principal. It may be taken as certain that the larger creditors will not submit to such a bill without testing out its validity in court. It will be infinitely more difficult to draft a bill making a cut in principal without resulting in very many cases of glaring injustices than it was to draft a bill to reduce interest.

If such a bill is passed it will probably result in another delay of the greater part of a year while its validity is being tested out in the court.

In the interests of this Province the problem of debt reduction should be brought to an early completion. The Dominion Government publishes statements from time to time taking credit for the amount by which debts have been reduced under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, but refuses to increase the number of boards so as to make the administration of the act really adequate. It is generally recognized that many members of the Dominion Parliament in Eastern Canada are opposed to the act. The Privy Council has said that the Dominion Act is valid, so that if its administration was made adequate the problem of debt reduction could be speedily worked out.

### The Sensible Solution

Does it not seem to be the sensible solution that the Provincial Government should enlist the support of the Governments of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and the farm organizations of these three Provinces in making a concentrated demand upon Ottawa that the machinery under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act should be made adequate to deal with the Debt reduction problem in the next eighteen months and so bring the problem to a conclusion. If the Dominion Government will do this I suggest that the Province could well suspend any further Provincial legislation which can only result in further delay, which in turn will encourage farmers to hold back making application under the Dominion act.

If the Dominion Government refuses to meet such a request in a reasonable way, then it has definitely taken the responsibility for its actions and the Provincial Governments of the three Provinces would then be fully justified in attempting further legislation, even if such legislation might seem to be of a doubtful nature from a constitutional standpoint.

The above suggestion is made for the consideration of the farm population who are mainly concerned with this vital problem of debt reduction.

**Editor's Note:** Answers to legal questions are held over until our next issue owing to lack of space.

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### NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION (Continued from page 1)

up a great state with hundreds of happy, prosperous and contented people. Instead there existed a condition where partnership with the rest of the Dominion was threatened, Mr. Duggan contended, where the people continued in the throes of adversity, and where discontentment, fear, bitterness and hatred existed, instead of peace, harmony and contentment. He thought the causes were of long growth and it was time for the people of Alberta to face the facts.

### Failures Partly National

Major causes responsible for present economic problems and political unrest, in the opinion of the Conservative leader were:

Failure of the national Government to recognize that wheat is the greatest factor in the national economy; partial destruction of the cattle and hog industry through policies which protected the packers at the expense of producers; coal industry of Alberta sacrificed to enable the industrial East to benefit by importation of coal; inequitable distribution of tariffs as between the East and the West; obsolescence of constitutional taxing powers and social service responsibilities, and failure of national Government to provide adequate facilities for agricultural short term and intermediate credits.

Up to the end of 1935 a total of \$255,624,669.37 had been paid as a direct bonus to wheat growers in the United States by the agricultural

adjustment administration, and a couple of hundred million dollars had been spent in market stabilization operations.

Australian and Argentine Governments had aided the wheat growers, whereas in Western Canada the wheat growing industry was in a state of bankruptcy and the people had subscribed to political and economic experiments which had only accentuated the problems.

"With our ability to grow wheat second to none in the world, together with the fact that some of our partners in confederation are living in the lap of luxury while others are unable to meet their obligations, it must be obvious to all that there is something radically wrong with our relationship," asserted the Conservative leader. He gave statistics claiming that the livestock industry also had been neglected by the national Governments, and wondered whether they had been dominated by the packing industry.

Further, the West could not sit idly by and allow "one set of partners in the scheme of Confederation to obtain money at low rates of interest, while others pay high rates, and in some cases are unable to obtain money at all."

However, Mr. Duggan declared the major reasons for the Province's distress today were traceable to the policies of the Aberhart Government, and defaults on bond obligations should not have been permitted, even by the Dominion.



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## INFLUENCES IN OUR LIVES

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Dear Farm Women:

Sometimes it seems as though we were all very much the same kind of people with conditions much the same for us all, and with similar interests.

We are wont, for instance, to groan about the cold and the discomfort and the snow, although there are moments when we look in pleasure at the beauty of the white shining world stretching away in the distance relieved by shadows of deepest blue. We talk about much the same things and have much the same worries and disappointments.

### Our Everyday Concerns

We are concerned as to whether or not our hens are laying and if a sufficient number of cows are milking to at least give the family enough milk and butter. If we have children we are concerned about their welfare and most of us are interested in the general community well-being to a greater or less extent.

On the other hand, we are all quite different people with different interests and personal idiosyncrasies. However similar we may appear, different influences have affected us from childhood and made quite different people of us. All this in addition to the diverse characteristics with which we start life, thanks to the influences of heredity which are intertwined and intermingled in endless ways. How interesting it would be if we could see ourselves as detached individuals and note what had been the prevailing influences of our lives!

Recently I read a book in which the author did that in a sense, noting the different individuals of whom he was composed. It was "The Intruder, an Unfinished Self-Portrait," by Kenneth Fraser (The Lovat Dickson Co. Ltd., London). The author feels he is so much the result of the influence of other people that in some respects he himself is the intruder.

He goes back to the heroes of his boyhood days, the heroes of the Henty books and such stories of adventures, and notes Black Hawk, the brave—such a stoic that he could endure the greatest torture without flinching. However, he was rather too negative a character to occupy the sole position as hero and along with him he had Selous. Selous, the author tells us, was a mighty hunter out of a yellow volume in the drawing room book case. The original hunted solely in Africa

### The Four Knights

Then again there were the pictures of four knights pasted on a window to give it a semblance of stained glass. These figures of St. Andrew, St. Patrick, St. George and the Temple were of course ready to serve in any brave adventure. Along with them, however, in some way he combined Dr. Paton. His grandmother was a very religious woman and had held up for his admiration as a great hero Dr. Paton who had gone to the Hebrides as a medical missionary. He was serving for a cause, so Dr. Paton represented a cause and they combined as Knight Paton.

In addition to these was a sense of greatness which influenced him. In this, Fraser says, he had no particular person in mind but rather a background as it were which read, "As he entered the crowded building a hush fell upon the waiting multitude as he made his way with slow and dignified steps to the dais that had been erected at the front end of the hall, a sea of faces turned in his direction." Some thirty years later he adds that this background changed to that portrayed by Nietzsche's words: "Away from the market place and from fame taketh place all that is great."

### Stupidity of War

Fraser reviews his life, his choice of career as a doctor, his life in South Africa, and during the War, showing the different heroes he followed in what he was doing. His book is an interesting study and one which, if that be necessary, will still further convince of the stupidity of war. I remember his comment: "Man's brain is ahead of his heart and Science has given him capacities that he is not fit to use."

This should, I think, be an extremely interesting book, to any who are fortunate enough to have the opportunity of reading it.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Having closed last year with a balance of over \$17 in their treasury, Brookland Juniors bought a toboggan and are organizing a few toboggan parties before the snow goes. Their officers this year are Harold Carter, Stanley Farrants and Leslie Drayton.

## THE GREAT SILENCE

I see Henry Ford has predicted  
That animals farmers will see  
From farm-yards completely evicted,  
And farmers from chores going free.

The products that now we derive from  
The pig and the hen and the cow  
We soon shall expertly contrive from  
The fruits of the plow.

From chick-weed it is the intention  
Of Science our eggs to extract.  
Our sausage supply some invention  
In pig-weed, no doubt, will contact.

And shepherd's-purse might be persuaded  
To offer a line of lamb chops,  
With goose-grass reserves masqueraded  
As Thanksgiving crops.

The cowslip will not be expected  
To give us our butter and cheese—  
A cute little bean is elected  
To furnish such products as these.  
But mournful indeed would be farming  
Without any bleats, grunts or moos—  
A prospect so very alarming  
I hereby refuse.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON  
in Winnipeg Free Press

## Farm Home and Garden

**Buns:** This is my method. I put a yeast cake to soak in lukewarm water after dinner, and set aside 1-1/2 cups potato water; early in the evening I heat the water to lukewarm, and mix with the yeastcake, 2 teaspoons sugar, and flour to make a batter about as stiff as for cake, and keep it warm until it works well. Then it is set aside until morning, when I scald 2 cups milk, add to it 1-1/2 tablespoons butter or other shortening, and cool to lukewarm; then it is added to the batter, with 2 teaspoons salt, a good half cup of sugar and flour to make a soft dough. I let it rise twice, kneading down each time, and the third time it is light I form it into small buns, and set them aside to rise. They require about 15 minutes cooking in a moderately hot oven.—*Yorkshire Lass.*

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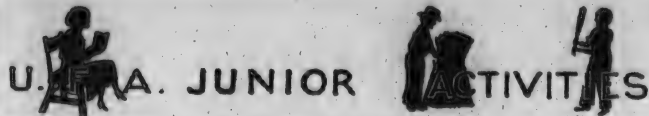
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## "WE NEED TO STIR OURSELVES"

### A Frank Talk to Farm Young People

Dear Juniors:

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#### What Congress Revealed

This Congress revealed the fact that young Canadians today ARE alive to the problems confronting them and are willing and anxious to co-operate to the end that they may be given a chance to earn a living and build a home; that they, who obviously will be required to do the fighting in the event of a possible future war, may have the opportunity of determining that there shall be no war.

The Canadian Youth Act, passed by the Congress and amended since then by youth organizations throughout the Dominion, is to be presented to the present session of the Dominion Parliament. The action of the Government upon this act will be considered at the next Congress to be held in Montreal in May, and we will be watching the actions of our fellows with interest and backing them to the limit.

#### A Searching Question

Can it be possible that with the urgent need for organized youth today, and the unquestionable evidence of the willingness of Canadian young people to do something about it, our Junior organization, with its splendid background—the principles of our parent body, the United Farmers of Alberta—with its record as one of the oldest and largest and most progressive thinking youth organizations in Can-

ada, is failing to do its part? Again I ask, can it be possible? that our Junior U.F.A. is failing in its responsibility, in its purpose, in its duty to carry on the work to obtain the objectives set before us. For it would seem to be failing. Whether this be due to a certain torpidity as a result of economic conditions—severe weather or indifference—it is difficult to say, but our decrease in membership (not a sudden drop, but a gradual weakening of our ranks) and our all too apparent lack of interest in local activities, is sufficient evidence. We need to stir ourselves; build up our Locals; interest every young person in our district; talk U.F.A.; build—build!

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I must close on a lighter note, or

stand to be accused of having developed a strange type of "spring fever." Here's a story I found in a 1926 issue of our paper *The U.F.A.*: "Sam, the negro driver of an ox team, saw a little lizard crawling up a tree. He flourished his long whip and very deftly snapped off the lizard's head. Further along the road, with skilful precision, he picked a horsefly off the fence with the same weapon. A white man, watching, said: 'Sam, take a crack at that,' pointing to a hornet's nest. Sam grinned and replied: 'No, suh; no, suh, boss; them fellahs is awganized!'"

Yours sincerely,

WINNIFRED ELLSTON,  
Assistant Secretary.

#### Junior News Items

The Junior U.F.A. Local from Malmo visited Asker Juniors recently, the visitors asking the program while the hosts served lunch. A very jolly evening was spent.

Willow Springs Juniors are completing arrangements for their play and dance to be held at Bon Accord on March 19th. They have decided to send a delegate to the Junior Conference at Edmonton in June.

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To be eligible, the writer of every essay must be a member of the Junior U.F.A., or, if there is no Junior Local in his or her district, the son or daughter of a member of the U.F.A. or U.F.W.A., and must also be a subscriber or the son or daughter of a subscriber to The Western Farm Leader.

Essays should not exceed one thousand words in length.

Already, in response to the original offer of a \$5 prize made by Mrs. Heath through our columns, some essays have been received.

All essays must be written and mailed to "The Editor, Western Farm Leader, Calgary," not later than April 30th.

#### Activities of Farm Women's Locals

Lealholme U.F.W.A. report a very good meeting on February 17th, two new members joining.

In the course of an interesting meeting Conjuring U.F.W.A. read and enjoyed comments on Mrs. Price's work as President of the organization.

Mrs. Wiggleworth is president again and Miss Helen Breckenridge secretary of Turnip Lake U.F.W.A. They are planning an entertainment to raise funds for dues, and are at present finishing a layette for the Needy Mothers' Fund.

At the annual meeting of Spring Valley U.F.W.A., postponed because of cold weather and sickness among the members, Mrs. P. C. Cull, Mrs. A. Caverhill and Mrs. Alex. Hall were elected officers.

Westlock U.F.W.A. are having well attended meetings, with Mrs. O. H. Hunter as their president for this year, Mrs. Platt and Mrs. Wannop vice-presidents and Mrs. Nellie Wood secretary-treasurer. At the last meeting orders were taken for programs and cook-books.

## HOW IT BEGAN *By Paul F. Berdanier*



### STUDY OF LANGUAGES

IN 1794, SIR WILLIAM JONES, ENGLISH JUDGE IN INDIA, PUBLISHED A TRANSLATION OF THE LAWS OF MANU FROM SANSKRIT. THE INTEREST AROUSED IN A HERETOFORE NEGLECTED LANGUAGE LED TO THE MODERN SCIENCE OF PHILOLOGY.



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## FARM BRIEFS

By E. W. BRUNSDEN

Canada's hog marketings during 1936 increased by 22 per cent over the total for 1935. The figure for 1936 was 3,796,952 hogs, an increase of 839,331 over the preceding year. Alberta contributed 27.5 per cent of the total Dominion marketings for the year. Our increase in this Province over 1935 was nine per cent.

In 1923 only 2.4 per cent of Alberta's hogs graded Select. During 1936 our Provincial marketings graded 23 per cent Selects.

During the week ending February 19th Canadian bacon in Great Britain sold for 70 to 77 shillings per long hundredweight. During the same week of the preceding year the price was 78 to 86 shillings. For the week ending February 18th the top price for select hogs at Calgary was \$8.25. Top price for the same week of 1935 was \$8.50.

Exports of cattle from Canada to the United States to February 18th were twice as heavy as in 1935. A total of 32,082 head have gone across the border this year compared with 16,148 up to February 18th, 1935.

Saskatchewan poultry breeders have recently created a co-operative organization for the purpose of conducting a commercial hatchery. Only R.O.P. birds with two generations of 200 or more eggs per year behind them are considered for the supplying of hatching eggs. The association proposes to engage in sexing of chicks, marketing of commercial eggs and poultry, breeding of stock, and other enterprises common to the industry.

Lambs in feedlots are considerably reduced this year according to word from the East. In Ontario and Quebec it was estimated that the February feedlot holdings were 50 per cent lower than at the same time last year.

Cultivate often for the eradication of sow thistle, is the conclusion arrived at from experiments at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Twelve cultivations to a depth of two inches

## THE WHEAT SITUATION Total Provincial Funds in Banks' Hands

In the face of extraordinary heavy wheat shipments the volume running from 13 to 15 million bushels a week, wheat prices have shown remarkable strength. In fact a steady advance has been made in the past few days.

Argentina has been shipping heavily and her wheat surplus is now down to 88 million bushels. As the wheat has gone out, prices in Buenos Aires have strengthened.

The Canadian visible supply is now down to around 90 million bushels. While exports have not been large the volume has been steady from week to week. Canadian prices still have a heavy premium over Argentina.

Heavy snows and rain were received in the United States winter wheat area, extending from New Mexico north and west. The so-called "Dust Bowl" has been much improved by the moisture received. The next few weeks are critical ones for this area, as considerable additional moisture will be required to make a good crop.

The statistical position of world wheat is tight, but the heavy discount at which future prices are quoted suggests an easing up in prices is expected once new crops begin to enter the market.

The United States Department of Agriculture thinks prices will rise somewhat when Argentina's flush offerings are absorbed and will subsequently decline if there is evidence that a normal crop will be harvested in the United States winter wheat area.

were required to kill out this perennial. Ten cultivations to a depth of six inches eliminated a similar stand. There was a saving of only two cultivations when the depth of cultivation was three times as great. The deeper cultivation, requiring more power, was obviously the most expensive.

To prevent hairlessness in the spring litters of pigs, potassium iodide should be available to the sow. Dissolve one ounce of potassium iodide in one gallon of water, and give each sow one tablespoonful of the solution two or three times weekly in the feed.

EDMONTON, March 3rd.—The total amount of funds in the hands of the banks on February 1st, 1937, to retire all matured coupons at the authorized reduced interest rate on Alberta debentures, was \$1,804,446.98. Hon. Solon Low informed the House Tuesday by way of a return to questions by D. M. Duggan, Edmonton.

The total amount of matured debenture coupons which were outstanding and not submitted for payment on February 1st, 1937, was \$1,841,940.19, the Provincial Treasurer stated. The amount of matured coupons on Provincial bonds cashed since the enactment of legislation reducing interest rates by one half was \$681,766.10, the report showed.

In reply to Mr. Duggan it was stated that no instructions were given by the Government to employ any part of the funds deposited with the Province's bankers for retiring maturing coupons for any purpose, other than authorized by the Legislature.

## Review of Livestock Markets

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, March 2nd, 1937.—The market is steady to strong on good fat cattle with bulk receipts on common to medium grades. Hogs were lower with selects at \$7.75, hogs \$7.25, butchers \$6.75 off trucks. Good handyweight lambs were quoted up to \$7.75. Good to choice butcher steers sold at \$5.25 to \$6.00, with a few extra choice selling at \$6.50 to \$7.00, common to medium \$3.00 to \$5.00. Good to choice heifers were \$4.50 to \$5.00; good to choice fed calves \$5.00 to \$6.25; good cows \$3.00 to \$3.50; good to choice veal calves \$6.00 to \$7.50. Bulls sold at \$2.25 to \$2.75.

## Milk and Cream Prices

## Edmonton and Calgary

Eastern butter markets took an upward trend during the past week, advancing from 1/2c to 1c per pound, which was chiefly brought about by many buyers finding it necessary to replenish their stock. The coast market, however, remains practically unchanged with a much firmer undertone. The local market also remained unchanged. A 1/2c per pound advance is anticipated next week. Churn cream deliveries continue on the tight side, mainly due to road conditions. The ice roads are so that it makes hauling decidedly difficult. Churn cream is based on 23c per special grade, delivered Calgary and Edmonton. City milk is \$2.35 per cwt., Calgary, and \$2.23 Edmonton, for 3.6 butter fat. Table cream 32 in both Calgary and Edmonton.

## TRIBUTE TO LATE SENATOR

Tribute to the late Senator Patrick Burns, last of the "Big Four" in Alberta's ranching annals, was paid by the Alberta Legislature by standing vote last week. Premier Aberhart proposed the motion of regret at Senator Burns' passing, and addresses in support were given by D. M. Duggan, Conservative leader; J. J. Bowlen, Liberal House leader, and Hon. John Huggill, Attorney General.

The estate of the late Senator P. Burns is estimated at about \$7,000,000.

Gasoline and fuel oil taxes netted the Provincial Government \$2,219,729 in the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1936. Motor licenses brought in \$1,424,978; corporations tax yielded \$699,807 and the amusement tax \$131,916.

A French steamer was damaged by explosion of a mine, off Cape San Sebastian, on Monday, near the place where the British Liner Llandovery Castle was damaged in the same way last week.

## Dominion Deficit, but No New Taxation

Estimating a deficit of \$35,000,000 for the fiscal year 1937-38, Hon. Chas. A. Dunning, Minister of Finance, presented a budget which does not increase taxation in any form and restores civil service salaries. New exemptions from the sales tax include raw or salted hides; parts for grain cleaning machines; articles for the use of the blind; ingredients used in canning fish, and several other items. Deficit for the current fiscal year, ending March 31st, will be \$87,395,000, the Minister estimated, compared with his budget estimate a year ago of \$100,000,000.

## Social Creditor Declares Changes Must Come Slowly

EDMONTON, March 3rd.—Premier Aberhart was not the first government leader to find that election promises could not be carried out, asserted E. O. Duke, Social Credit member for Rocky Mountain in the Legislature Tuesday afternoon. Highways from Halifax to Vancouver would be paved with good intentions if all pledges of political parties had been brought into effect.

"Eighteen months in office have taught Premier Aberhart as well as us, that great changes in any country over which floats the Union Jack must necessarily come slowly," said Mr. Duke. Frosts and drought had struck the Province since the present Government took office and surely under such adverse conditions the Premier should be given longer time to carry out his plans.

Gravity of the unemployment situation was stressed and nothing had been done for the sons of citizens of the Province, though relief projects sponsored by the Dominion authorities had assisted the single, homeless and destitute. Mining centres were filled with young men who wanted work and it was little wonder that many of them became Communists.

## Real Problem Not Touched

Neither the Dominion nor Provincial Governments had touched the real problem of unemployment yet, Mr. Duke contended, and it was time Alberta shook off the shackles of tradition and did things, make money the servant of the people and not their master.

Mr. Duke appealed for a national fuel policy for Canada with a guarantee of their home markets. Coal mines in Alberta had operated not more than two days a week on an average for the past six years, while Eastern Canada had been importing coal to the value of more than \$225,000,000.

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## Happy Days for Some Canadians but Not for Livestock Growers

**Tough Winter on Livestock, Feed Costs High, and Prices Tell Sorry Story—The Logical Solution**

By OBSERVER

Happy days may be here again for some classes of our Canadian people, but for the fellows who grow live stock for a living there is no improvement in the conditions that have prevailed for the last seven years. It has been a tough winter on livestock, particularly in the West, and feed costs have reached new highs, but live stock marketing levels continue in the doldrums.

Have just been looking over some figures showing average prices paid at the main live stock markets for Canada during November of last year. They have recently been published and they tell a sorry story. Perhaps they can best be visualized in table form. Here are the Calgary figures; in each case the averages apply to all the stock sold at Calgary during the month of November:

	November	
	1936	1935
Average	Average	
Cattle.....	\$2.34	\$2.47
Calves.....	2.60	3.09
Hogs.....	6.50	7.02
Sheep and Lambs...	4.55	4.37

### Below 1935 Level

It will be noted that sheep and lambs were the only classes registering gains in 1936 over 1935. Here and there throughout the Dominion slight improvements were noted in certain classes, but in the main the live stock market was below that of the same month in 1935.

One wonders sometimes how long this sort of thing can continue and still maintain a live stock industry worthy of the name. Those who have their interest in mining are finding a lot of satisfaction in declaring that last year, for the first time in history, the contribution of the mines to the wealth of Canada exceeded that of agriculture. Is it any wonder? The surprise is that agriculture continues to make such impressive annual contributions

in the face of the handicaps it suffers.

In Alberta we have spent some years in building an enviable hog industry. Last year this business reached an all-time peak—we were the leading hog producing Province. What is the situation today? Breeders are cutting down on their herds, some of them are getting out of hogs entirely. Why? Because they feel they are being victimized in the sale of their finished hogs. There is no stability in the market. The value of their hogs is what the group that buys them sets; there is no yardstick of sale.

### Facing Severest Test

Live stock marketing organizations operating on a co-operative basis are facing the severest test they have ever faced to keep their machinery intact and operating. Men who are in the business tell me the marketing of hogs was never more ruthless.

What applies to hogs is equally true, in greater or less degree to the other classes of stock. From the producer angle the outlook is miserable.

There is only one solution. The live stock producer must put himself in the position where he and his fellows can have some say as to the methods of marketing and some form of control over his live stock as it moves along the marketing route. Until this position is achieved there seems little hope of sustained improvement. The logical solution to the problem is marketing legislation conferring these rights upon the producer.

### Advise Alfalfa Hay for Breeding Ewes

Experiments carried on by the University of Alberta in co-operation with the National Research Council with a view to improving rations for breeding ewes in years when winters are long and grazing is difficult, or when, as a result of drought, the variety of feeds produced on farms is restricted, have brought notable results. The findings are expected to prove of the very highest value to sheep ranchers and farmers.

Experiments covering a period of years show that alfalfa hay contains ingredients which approximate quite closely those contained in natural pastures. Ewes receiving alfalfa hay as part of the ration retained their thriftiness, reproductive capacity and general health over a period of eighteen months, even though kept on dry feed summer and winter.

The value of this information to ranchers and farmers is that it suggests the importance of feeding alfalfa hay at all times. When, due to adverse climatic conditions, feed has to be bought or made available on the range or on farms, first consideration should be given to the purchase of alfalfa hay, especially if required for breeding stock.

The findings of the experiments are of special significance in view of the greater volume of alfalfa now being produced in the Prairie Provinces and throughout Canada.

Beets are the best paying crop on irrigated land, according to evidence of several farmers before the Ewing irrigation commission. Submitting a plan for reducing irrigation rates, on a bushel of wheat basis, to an average under present conditions of \$9.84, a brief was presented by J. Sutton, assistant colonization manager of the L.N.I.D.

Canada's external trade was greater in 1936 by some \$200,000,000 than in 1935, said Hon. Charles Dunning in Ottawa.

## Veterinary Questions and Answers

*Questions on the care of animals in illness will be answered in this column from issue to issue by a graduate veterinarian with 25 years' experience in practice in Alberta. Every paid-up subscriber to The Western Farm Leader is entitled to have a question answered. The subscription is One Dollar per year.*

**Trochu, Alberta:**

I have a horse that was kicked on the knee. He was lame for a time and apparently got all right, but now the knee joint is badly swollen and stiff. Is there anything I could do for the lameness?

**Answer.**—Blister with the following: powdered cauthardies 3 drams, red iodide of mercury 2 drams, vaseline 2 ounces; apply and rub in well; repeat in three weeks.

**Hythe, Alberta:**

Kindly advise treatment for a horse that is sweetened.

**Answer.**—Use a blister of powdered cauthardies 3 drams, powdered red iodide of mercury 2 drams, vaseline 2 ounces; apply and rub in well; repeat in three weeks.

**Hanna, Alberta:**

I have a sow that had pigs last week. Since then she don't want to eat anything; wants to lie down all the time. She is in good flesh and has always been healthy. Kindly let me know what I can do for her.

**Answer.**—This sow is suffering from blood poisoning following farrowing. Wash out womb with a solution of lysol, one teaspoonful to a quart of warm water. Give mashies of easily digested food.

**Leduc, Alberta:**

I have a nine-year-old mare that was ruptured last summer. I think it was caused by a kick. It is on the left side just below the trace line almost the size of a foot ball. Is it advisable to breed her and can this be cured?

**Answer.**—Do not breed this mare. It can be cured by an operation.

**Olds, Alberta:**

I have a horse that was foundered and is very sore in his front feet. He feeds well, has good life, but can hardly walk.

**Answer.**—You might poultice or soak his feet. This would soften hoof and give some relief; also let him stand on a clay floor.

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### REDUCING COSTS

Plans to reduce the cost of creamery butter by closing numbers of uneconomical dairy plants were discussed at the annual meeting of the Canadian Dairy Farmers' Federation, in Toronto, late last fall. It was stated that inquiries made in New Zealand, Canada, the U.S., and other countries, showed that savings could be made in collecting and making butter of from 1 to 6 cents per pound. The opinion was expressed that average savings of about 3 cents per pound could be effected in Canada by this means. The Federation estimates that on this basis the Alberta Dairy industry would benefit by over \$692,000 annually, and the Dominion by over \$7,000,000.

Having bet on the day of the Provincial elections that social credit dividends would be paid within eighteen months, an Edmonton man paid his debt of honor one day last week by rolling a peanut with a toothpick along the pavement for a distance of 350 feet.

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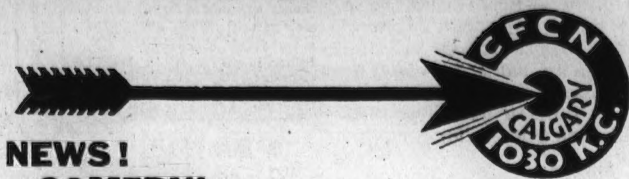
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## SPORT

The Drumheller Miners and the Edmonton Dominions are fighting it out at the time of writing for the championship of the Alberta Senior Hockey League, the winner having to meet Coleman for the Provincial championship. Both the Miners and the Dominions have each won a game and the final game will have been played ere this issue is in the hands of its readers.

Calgary has a somewhat tragic tale to tell of the fate of its two teams, the Rangers and the Bronks, who finished first and second in the regular schedule. The Miners wiped away the Rangers' chances in the playoff and the Dominions beat the Bronks. It was a sore touch to Calgary supporters, who prided themselves they had potential champions, in the Rangers at least. The Miners had what it takes when it came to the final game, however, and Bannister went on a sniping expedition which obliterated any chances the Rangers had.

The playoff system is unsatisfactory in many respects. Obviously it caters to commercialism. But the Miners were at the peak of their form when the playoffs happened along and the Rangers were on the skids. The

Bronks were never a really strong team being weak on defence. They won some lucky victories during the regular schedule and fate turned against them in the playoffs.

The big league hockey teams are preparing for the playoffs. New York Americans and Chicago Black Hawks have been eliminated and the rest of the teams will compete among themselves for the world's championship. Toronto Maple Leafs, with Connacher back and with young Syl Apps, the year's prize rookie, showing remarkable form, are the favorites.

But the Leafs have some stout teams to contend with, notably the Detroit Red Wings, the Montreal Maroons and the Boston Bruins. The Canadiens, from Montreal, may surprise and show better form than they have lately, but the Leafs are the team to beat.

## What's Doing? at CFAC

On Monday, March the 1st, CFAC increased its airtime and now runs a continuous schedule of broadcasting from 7 o'clock in the morning to 11:30 o'clock p.m., maintaining a daily 16-1/2 hour schedule.

CFAC listeners are greeting with cheers, the return to the air-waves of the Fields and Hall Mountaineers in their friendly, human program, the "Home Folks' Frolic," heard each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 1:15 p.m.

"Komedie Kingdom" is the title of a new CFAC program that makes its introduction to the radio audience Monday, March 8th, 9:30 p.m., and will be heard after that date each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening at the same time over CFAC.

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By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Postcard from Cynical Gus declares that the only way some people can make an impression on others is to make a fool of themselves.

Radio, declares Oscar the office boy of CFAC, will never really take the place of the newspaper, at least, not until a way has been found to wrap the groceries in a radio set.

### OH, THOSE PRINTERS

"At the Cosmopolitan Hotel a young lady of very nice looks and with splendid demeanor and cultivated speech was walking on the dining room guests."—From the "Calgary Albertan". Well, that's one little lady who knew how to put her best foot forward.

And another of life's great mysteries is why the headlights of the other fellow always seem the brightest.

### MAYERTHORPE NEWS

Well, Syd, old top, this is the month that the annual bleating of the taxpayers and non-taxpayers takes place. Yes, Sowthistle Jack will be on hand full of Dutch courage to give the weed inspector his perennial raz. No doubt the local sport of cutting the Secretary's salary will be indulged in. In short, old scout, a grand and glorious day for all except the municipal faculty, but like Christmas it only comes once a year, so shut up. Hoping you will be there.

—Norman.

### HIS VERSION

Out of the dance hall into the night,  
Under the summer moon;  
I suppose she's telling her friends  
allright,  
He's going to marry me soon.  
Gosh! how she thrilled when I  
pressed her lips,  
And told me her life was sad;  
I probably hurt her feelings a bit,  
but look  
At the fun we had.

### HER VERSION

Away from the din and glare we  
strayed under the starry sky;  
There on my hair the moon beams  
played, and Geel the look in  
his eye.  
I suppose he'll see in his dreams  
tonight a flat or a bungalow,  
But then he's only kidding him-  
self, as most men do, you know.

—N.L.D., Mayerthorpe.

Fashion item for men says that shorts will probably be more popular this coming season among golfers. Well they ought to help them go round in less.

Communication from Mister Gloom declares that in most family trees there is too much sap.

### ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

You should never judge the other guy until you've been placed in his position.

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, declares the only man she'll ever marry is one whose heart will never harden, a temper that never tires, and a touch that will never hurt.

According to the Bad Egg from Crow's Nest the lower the price of gas the higher the pedestrian jumps.

### OH THESE WOMEN

Out at the Pacific coast a woman has been granted a divorce because her husband gambled during the honeymoon. But great grief, didn't she take him for better or worse?

Dear Musty: You can't have your

## FARMING IN NEW BRUNSWICK

A survey of operations on seventy New Brunswick farms (by the Economics Branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture) shows that they were conducted at a loss during the season of 1934-35, averaging \$614 per farm; and that this was turned into a profit of \$215 per farm in the crop year 1935-36. This was partly achieved by reducing expenses, through the use of less fertilizer and less expensive seed. Five per cent interest on capital was calculated, and the farm was credited with \$415 per year for produce consumed in the home.

cake and eat it too, but you can give away a cold in the head and still have it.

—Ive Dunnitt, Calgary.

### EFFICIENCY EXPERT

The ice merchant who ordered the latest electrical refrigerator for his own home.

Toronto magistrate has issued another warning against "One-armed drivers." Nevertheless the dear girls don't seem to mind the tight squeezes he gets into.

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## Rebel Cavalry Heads Italian Invaders Entering Malaga



Headed by Spanish rebel cavalry, a large force of Italian "volunteers" armed with modern Italian weapons, with tanks and artillery, entered Malaga late in February after defeating the legal Government forces who have been deprived by Britain and France and other states of their right under international law to import arms for their own de-

fence. Mussolini's newspapers openly boast that the fall of Malaga was an Italian victory. The city was for the most part a mass of ruins, after aerial and artillery bombardment. Some of the buildings which sustained least damage are shown in the picture. Spanish Fascist leading the triumphal procession.

## These Little Pigs Went to Market on Springs



FRICION SPRING

Stock cars on the Canadian National Railways equipped with friction springs have reduced shrinkage and losses on live stock shipments, effecting a considerable saving both to the railway and the shipper, while at the same time providing the animals with greater comfort in transit and freedom from bruises and damage. Above is shown a shipment of bacon hogs, unloaded at the Montreal stockyards of the National System. Below, left, the friction spring which has reduced jarring and bumping of

cars in transit. The wavy line at the top right shows the extent to which the car moves up and down on the friction springs; the wavy line below shows the movement which takes place in travel of a car not equipped with the friction springs. Test apparatus was used to determine the effect of the new spring equipment under actual loading conditions. Railway authorities also find the new spring equipment helpful to them since it reduces stress and damage to equipment and track.

## Last Ethiopian Chieftain



Ras Desta Demtu, son-in-law of Haile Selassie, and the last loyal chieftain opposing Italian occupation in Ethiopia, who is reported to have been executed by a Fascist firing squad south of Addis Ababa.